And you shall say indeed,—it is the time,
And not the king, that doth you injuries.
Yet, for your part, it not appears to me,
Either from the king, or in the present time [9],
That you should have an inch of any ground
To build a grief on: [*] Were you not restor'd
To all the duke of Norfolk's signiories,
Your noble and right-well-remember'd father's ?

MOWB. What thing, in honour, had my father lost,
That need to be reviv'd, and breath'd in me ?
The king, that lov'd him, as the state stood then,
Was, force perforce [2], compell'd to banish him :
And then, when [3] Harry Bolingbroke, and he,—
Being mounted, and both roused in their seats,
Their neighing coursers daring of the spur,
Their armed staves in charge [4], their beavers down [5],

what is done in these times according to the exigencies that over-rule us. JOHNSON.

9 Either from the king, &c.] Whether the faults of government be imputed to the *time* or the *king*, it appears not that you have, for your part, been injured either by the *king* or the *time*. JOHNSON.

* To build a GRIEF on :] i. e. a grievance. MALONE.

[2] Was, FORCE perforce,] Old copy—" Was *ifforc'd*" Corrected by Mr. Theobald. In a subsequent scene we have the same words :

" *h$. force perforce*, the age will put it in."

MALONE.

[3] And then, WHEN —] The old copies read—" And then, *that*—." Corrected by Mr. Pope. Mr. Rowe reads—"And *tvhen* that—." MALONE.

[4] Their armed staves in charge, *&c.*"] An armed staff is a lance. To be in charge, is to be fixed in the rest for the encounter, JOHNSON.

[5] — their BEAVERS down.] *Beaver*, it has been already observed in a former note, (see vol. xvi. p. 864, n. 5.) meant properly that part of the helmet which let down, to enable the wearer to drink : but is confounded both here and in Hamlet with *visiere*,

or used for *helmet* in general.

Shakspeare, however, is not answerable for any confusion on this subject. He used the word *beaver* in the same sense in which, it was used by all his contemporaries. MALONE.

See Mr. Douce's note, vol. xvi, p. 429.

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